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# New Piasa Chautauqua

CHAUTAQUA, ILL.

*A Summer Resort on the Mississippi River  
Within Forty Miles of St. Louis*



REV. M. EDWIN JOHNSON  
Dean of Religious Work and Program Manager

*Program for Season Beginning June 28, 1930, and  
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**The Cafeteria and the Wilsons.** This might be called the year round eating place. Every time you go to Chautauqua Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson are there to greet you and feed you the best of food at any time and plenty of it.

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### ATTRACTIONS

**The Swimming Pool.** A large outdoor pool with new bath houses. Our filtering plant guarantees the water to be the purest.

**Yacht Club.** A club has been formed known as the Chautauqua Yacht Club. More will be heard from them. This innovation will do much to improve our river front.

**Recreations.** Guests can enjoy tennis, roque, horse shoes, horse back riding, etc.

**The Craft Shop** will be in charge of Miss Catlin at the Hotel and the usual style demonstrations will be held throughout the season.

**The Midway**, in charge of the Men's Club, for refreshments and hospitality. And speaking of hospitality, **The Newlands**, at the station pavilion, have an entirely new brand for this season. You will see many changes there.

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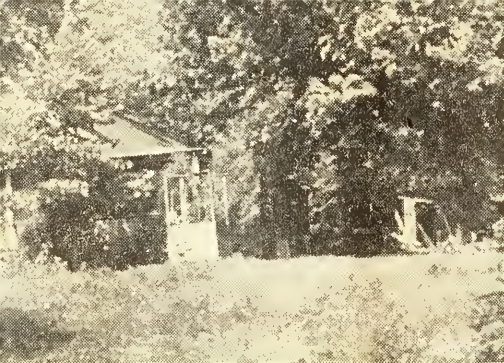
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Guest Tickets for Adults.....	7.00
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Season Tickets for Hired Help.....	3.00
Children Aged 8 years to 15 years:	
Season Tickets.....	\$3.50
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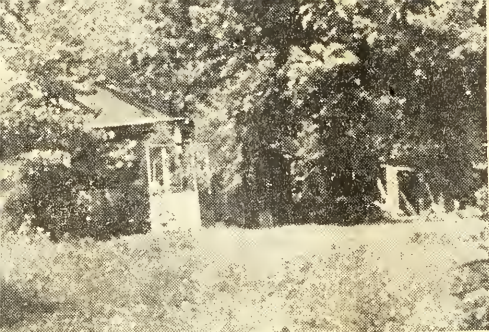
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